

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/649,348
Amendment dated June 17, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

The undersigned, Dr. Morrison, and Mr. Follett of Cabot Corporation appreciate the telephone interview with Examiner Fitzgerald on June 10, 2005. In the interview, the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action were discussed in view of the claimed invention and the cited art. Differences were pointed out to the Examiner between the claimed invention and the cited art as discussed in the Request for Reconsideration filed June 2, 2005. The Examiner did indicate that these arguments, including the comments made in the telephone interview, were persuasive with respect to the patentability of the claimed invention. The applicants offered to amend claim 5 so that it is dependent on claim 1 to further clarify the subject matter of claim 5. An editorial amendment has been made to claim 11 since "claim 5" was mentioned twice and would be unnecessarily redundant.

Claim 6 has been amended so that it is an independent claim. The scope of claim 6 is the same.

The amendment to the claims is editorial in nature or further clarifies what the applicant regards as the invention. Full support for the amendment can be found throughout the present application and the claims as originally filed, for instance, in claims 1-11. Accordingly, no questions of new matter should arise and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

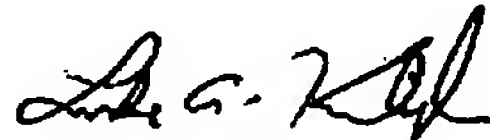
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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